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MOTOR TRAFFIC ACT 1936

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EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

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OUTLINE

The *Motor Traffic Act 1936* (the Act) provides for authorised examiners in approved premises to conduct vehicle inspections in competition with the Government inspection station at Dickson. Section 26AG. (3) of the Act specifies that premises are not to be approved unless the premises or the equipment proposed to be used on the premises complies with the prescribed requirements for the class or classes of motor vehicles or trailers to which the application for approval relates. The Executive may make regulations in relation to all matters which are required or permitted to be prescribed, or which are necessary or convenient to be prescribed, for carrying out or giving effect to this Act pursuant to section 218 of the Act.

These amendments to the *Motor Traffic Regulations* insert premises and equipment requirements in connection with the inspection or testing of motor vehicles or trailers for the purposes of the Act.

DETAILS

Commencement and Principal Regulations

Clauses 1 & 2 These clauses are formal requirements. Clause 1 provides that the amendments will commence on the day they are notified in the Gazette. Clause 2 defines the Principal Regulations as the *Motor Traffic Regulations*.

Substitution

Clause 3 This clause omits the current Part II of the Motor Traffic Regulations and substitutes prescribed requirements for vehicle testing at authorised premises. The current requirements of Part II specifies requirements for brakes and safety chains on trailers. These requirements are not required to be retained as they are fully contained within the vehicle inspection manual. The substituted Part II specifies requirements for premises for inspection of motor vehicles, motor cycles and trailers and specifies equipment that is required in those premises for each class of vehicle as described.

This clause specifies that each premises must have a means of physically inspecting vehicles and specific inspection equipment appropriate to their construction.

Insertion

Clause 4

This clause inserts specification details for equipment as required by clause 3. This clause includes equipment specifications for:

Brake testing equipment,
Headlamp aim testing equipment,
Light transmittance testing equipment, and
Noise testing equipment.